

St. Matt's Midweek Update – 5th December 2024



There's lots going on at St. Matt's over the next few weeks!

Do invite people along to the events and services we've got happening, and please cover it all in prayer.



Our **Christmas Event** for ladies is tomorrow evening! Doors will open shortly before 7.30pm. Don't arrive early or you will be standing outside in the rain! Thank you to all those who are helping - I'll be in church from 6pm so you can get set up. You can still buy your tickets here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/add1rshq> or turn up tomorrow evening with your money - there is still space.



Don't forget that men can meet up at Kevin's house while the ladies are doing crafts...

Men's meet up at Kevin's House, Friday 6th December from 6.30pm. They are still going ahead despite the weather! It would be helpful if you could sign up for this so Kevin has an idea of how many people are coming. You can sign up here <https://stmatts.churchsuite.com/events/dtkzm6xe>



This Sunday we have two services...

10am service with groups for our children and youth. Jane Edwards, a retired local vicar, will be speaking about Advent love from Luke 1:26-38, and we will be sharing communion together.

5pm service with communion led by Richard Arding, with Trevor speaking. This service is more traditional, with tea served from 4.30pm.

Next Sunday we just have our main 10am service, with groups for our children and youth.



Christmas Services

Our Christmas services are starting in less than 2 weeks!!

Wednesday 18 th December 8pm	A Reflective Christmas
(this is a quiet service for those who find the noise and chaos of other Christmas services hard)	
Sunday 22 nd December 10am	Christmas Nativity
Sunday 22 nd December 7pm	Christmas Carols
Christmas Eve 4pm	Christingle Service
Christmas Eve 11.15pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day 10am	Family Christmas Celebration

There are plenty of Christmas flyers around in church, so please do take some and give them out to family, friends and neighbours.

Our Christmas services are also now on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewshighbrooms> and on our Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/stmatthewshighbrooms/>

Please do share the posts from there - they reach so many more people when you share them on your feed.

We have decided not to live stream our nativity service or our Christingle service this year, due to the number of children involved. All our other services will be both in church and online.

Readers for Reflective Service - if you are planning to come to the Reflective Service on 18th December and would be willing to do a reading, please could you let me know. Thanks.

Other things happening in church in the run up to Christmas...

- Sunday 8th December - hand bells rehearsal straight after church
- Monday 9th December - 3.30pm Deeper Christmas party (last one of the term)
- 7.30pm Knitting Hub in the church centre
- Tuesday 10th December - 2pm Rosemary and team Christmas afternoon tea in church
- 5.45pm Ignite ice skating at Calverley Park
- 6pm choir rehearsal in church
- Wednesday 11th December - 11am last Community Hub of the term
- Thursday 12th December - 9.30am Toddler Group Christmas party (last one of the term)
- Friday 13th December - 9.30am Community Larder at the Bethel Hall
- 9.30am school rehearsal in church

- Monday 16th December - school carol services in church
- Wednesday 18th December - 3.30pm Mission Prayer Meeting
- 8pm Reflective Christmas Service in church and online
- Thursday 19th December - 6pm choir rehearsal in church

Christmas offering and giant Christmas card!

Every year at Christmas we collect money for one of our mission partners, and this year it will be for MAF Uganda (the Bagumas). More details will follow about what they are raising money for at the moment.

One of the ways you can give is by signing our giant Christmas card instead of giving individual cards to people in church, and donating the money you would have spent. Jen is designing the front of the card, and it will be unveiled on Christmas morning! The inside of the card will be available in church from this Sunday for you to sign.

Life & Soul Silent Auction

Life & Soul (one of our mission partners) have a very exciting silent auction happening over the next 12 days! They have 8 amazing prizes that you can bid for and try and get for a lot less than the usual price. The prizes vary from vouchers for a Birds of Prey experience to hampers full of delicious food. The winning bid for each item will go solely towards their work.

Here is the link to all the items and for

bidding https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/auction/detail/auction_id/lifeandsoul#none

I think that's all for now!

Please be in touch if you need any help or support at the moment.

We hope to see you this Sunday at one of our services.